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Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 2004/82, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2004/224, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint an independent expert to consider the situation of human rights in Burundi and ensure that the authorities are honouring the commitments they have made. The independent expert was requested to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session.

2. In July 2004, the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights appointed Mr. Akich Okola as independent expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi. Owing to his late appointment, Mr. Okola will not be in a position to submit a report to the Assembly as requested. Instead, the independent expert will report orally to the Assembly on his initial observations with respect to his mandate.

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